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Sir:

Applicant in the above-entitled application hereby claim the date of priority under the International Convention of Japanese Patent Application No. 96413/1999, filed April 2, 1999, and Japanese Patent Application No. 83121/2000, filed March 24, 2000, as acknowledged in the Declaration of this application.

Certified copies of said Japanese Patent Applications are of record in parent application Serial No. 09/538,532, now U.S. Patent No. 6,495,855.

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